



Update on plans and call for ideas/themes for the Advisory Forum “Event” in 2004

At the meeting of the Advisory Forum in Berlin on 3 and 4 July a discussion took place on the need for the Forum’s work to become well known.¹ The idea is to consider holding symposia/conferences on a regular basis at which its work can be publicised.

The proposal is to hold the first such meeting towards the latter part of 2004. The main part of the meeting would be scientific and the theme and nature of this meeting will need to be agreed by the Forum’s members themselves. The intention is to consult with the members of the Forum and also ask for input from the Chair and members of the Scientific Committee.

It is anticipated that members of the Advisory Forum would take a prominent role in the symposium/conference as one of its main objectives is to introduce the Forum more widely and explain its functioning.

Practical planning will start early to ensure that key participants are contacted as soon as possible to secure their involvement and thus give the event every chance of being a success

Members are asked to put forward ideas for the event, for its agenda, themes and format.

It is proposed that the Forum forms a small task force to guide the planning for the Advisory Forum Event. Members are asked to advise the Executive Director if they believe this to be the best way forward.

¹Point 7.2 on draft minutes of the meeting

The Advisory Forum runs the risk of being seen as a ‘closed’ body and therefore, a periodic symposium-type event could be held for those interested to ensure that the work of the Forum can be publicised.